

JAMES GREEN.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

Report of Commissioner of Pensions, relative to the application of James Green for a pension.

JANUARY 2, 1845.

Read, and laid upon the table.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
December 27, 1844.

SIR: In answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 23d instant, requiring the Secretary of War "to communicate to the House all the papers and documents on file in the Pension Office relating to the application of James Green for a pension as a midshipman in the navy during the war of the revolution," I transmit, herewith, a report of the Commissioner of Pensions, containing all the papers and documents required by the resolution.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
WM. WILKINS,
Secretary of War.

Hon. JOHN W. JONES,
Speaker House of Reps.

PENSION OFFICE, December 27, 1844.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, in obedience to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 23d instant, the papers and documents filed in this office, in support of the claim of James Green as a midshipman in the navy of the State of Virginia during the revolutionary war. They are numbered from 1 to 24.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. L. EDWARDS,
Commissioner of Pensions.

Hon. WM. WILKINS,
Secretary of War.

No. 1.

I, Charles Higdon, of King George county, Virginia, now in the 73d year of my age, do certify, that I was very well acquainted with my neighbor, James Green, of Westmoreland, who, after the war of the revolution, settled in Fauquier county. Said Green was a midshipman in the ship *Tartar*, commanded by Captain Wm. Saunders; and I left him in service, in said ship, in the year 1780, and have understood he now resides in Fauquier county, Virginia. Given under my hand this 16th of October, 1837.

CHARLES ^{his} X HIGDON.
mark.

Test: GEO. T. RIDING.

VIRGINIA, }
King George county, } to wit:

This day, Charles Higdon, (subscriber to the foregoing certificate,) personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace in the county aforesaid, and made oath that said certificate is true, to the best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand, October 16, 1837.

GEO. T. RIDING.

And I do certify that the said Charles Higdon is a man of fair character, and his oath is entitled to full credit. Given under my hand, October 16, 1837.

GEO. T. RIDING

VIRGINIA, }
King George county, } to wit:

I, Edward Smith, clerk of the county court of King George, do hereby certify that George T. Riding, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing certificates, is now, and was at the time of the subscribing the same, a qualified and acting justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, and that full faith and credit are due to his acts as such, and that the foregoing signature purporting to be his, is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed
[L. s.] the seal of my office, this 17th October, 1837, in the sixty-second year of the Commonwealth.

E. SMITH, *Clerk.*

No. 2.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, }
Culpeper county, } to wit:

This day, Richard Wade, a soldier of the American Revolution, personally appeared before us, justices of the peace in the county aforesaid, and made oath that he was personally acquainted with James Green in time of the revolution, and that the said Green was a midshipman in the Virginia State navy. He does not recollect how long the said Green served, but be-

lieves he served the greater part of the war. He (the said Wade) further states, on oath, that he has known the said James Green ever since the revolutionary war, and that he (said Green) now resides in the county of Fauquier, in the State aforesaid. Given under our hands, this 18th day of April, 1835.

FRED. FISHBACK, *J. P.*
DAN'L WARD, *J. P.*

We, the subscribers, justices of the peace, certify that we believe that Richard Wade, who gave the above certificate, would be believed on oath in any of our courts of record in this Commonwealth. Given under our hands, this 21st day of April, 1835.

FRED. FISHBACK,
DAN'L WARD.

I am well acquainted with Mr. F. Fishback and Mr. Daniel Ward, and know them to be acting magistrates in the county of Culpeper. Given under my hand, this 21st day of April, 1835.

EDMUND BROADUS.

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This day, William Harris, a soldier of the revolution, and now a pensioner to my knowledge, personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace within and for Culpeper county, and made oath that he was personally acquainted with James Green, who has subscribed to the above declaration; that he knew him in the revolution, and has known him ever since; and that he remembers that the said James Green was a midshipman in the State navy more than three years. Given under my hand, this 22d day of August, 1834.

FRED. FISHBACK.

I have known William Harris, who gave the foregoing testimony of Midshipman Green's revolutionary services, several years; he supports the reputation of an honest, truthful man, and I believe his evidence would receive full credit in any of our courts of record.

FRED. FISHBACK.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, Va., April 29, 1837.

The foregoing are true copies of papers filed in this department.

WM. H. RICHARDSON,
Secretary of Commonwealth.

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VIRGINIA, }
Fauquier county, } *to wit:*

I hereby certify that I have resided in the county of Fauquier upwards of fifty years, and that I have known the above-named James Green between forty and fifty years, and that I believe his statement of his services in the revolutionary war. The said Green has always supported an honest

character in my intercourse with him. Given under my hand, this 1st day of November, 1837.

WM. HORNER.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, } to wit:
Fauquier county,

The above certificate of William Horner was this day sworn to before me, a justice of the peace for said county. Given under my hand, this 1st day of November, 1837.

UNIT RASIN.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, } to wit:
Fauquier county,

I hereby certify that William Horner, whose certificate is hereunto annexed, is a magistrate of this county, a gentleman of high respectability, and his certificate is entitled to the fullest credit. Given under my hand, this 1st day of November, 1837.

UNIT RASIN.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, } to wit:
Fauquier county,

I, Alexander J. Marshall, clerk of the county court of Fauquier county aforesaid, in the State of Virginia aforesaid, do hereby certify that Unit Rasin is a justice of the peace in and for the county of Fauquier, in the State of Virginia, duly commissioned and qualified to act as such, as well in courts of justice as thereout; and that the preceding signatures purporting to be his, are genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed [L. s.] the seal of the said court, this first day of November, 1837.

A. J. MARSHALL, C. C.

No. 3.

On this 27th day of November, 1837, personally appeared James Green, a resident of Fauquier county, Virginia, aged 77 years, in open court, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832: That he enlisted for three years at Leedstown, in Westmoreland county, Virginia, in September, 1777, with Captain William Saunders, of the Manley galley; was subsequently appointed a midshipman by Captain George Elliott, of the Safeguard galley; and after serving some time as a midshipman with Captain Elliott, was transferred to the ship Tartar, commanded by Captain William Saunders, with whom he continued in the service until the summer of 1781—having served upwards of three years—and was, by Captain Saunders, discharged; that he was a resident of Westmoreland county at the time he entered into the service in the State navy. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in the United States of America.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

JAMES GREEN.

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion that the above-named applicant was a midshipman in the State navy of the revolution, and served as he states.

Sworn to in open court, this 27th day of November, 1837.

A. J. MARSHALL, *Clerk.*

VIRGINIA:

I, Alexander J. Marshall, clerk of the court of Fauquier county, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of James Green for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, [L. S.] this 28th day of November, 1837, and in the sixty-second year of the Commonwealth.

A. J. MARSHALL, *C. C.*

No. 4.

WARRENTON, FAUQUIER COUNTY, VA.,
November 28, 1837.

SIR: You will oblige me much by having my claim for a pension acted on immediately, as I am much in need of the amount due me. My attorney was about four years delayed in recovering my bounty land from Virginia, and only succeeded a few months since. I was allowed by the governor of this State 2,666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres some few months ago, and have since obtained further proof of my services in the navy; all of which is herewith enclosed. Any communication necessary to be made to me, may be addressed to Warrenton, Virginia.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES GREEN.

HON. SECRETARY OF WAR.

No. 5.

"William Saunders, captain; William Parker, lieutenant; John Tupman, master; Justus Livingston, surgeon; Robert Fergusson, mate; James Green, midshipman:

"Issue 168 lbs. sugar and 28 lbs. coffee, for 2 months' allowance.

"Issue sugar, tea, and coffee for the above officers.

"JA. BARRON.

"SEPTEMBER 28, 1779."

"The above order is immediately to be complied with—the board of war think it a sufficient voucher for you.

"JAS. INNES."

The above is truly extracted from a document to be found in the first volume of papers concerning the State navy, now in this office.

Given under my hand at the auditor's office, Richmond, this 9th day of January, 1838.

JAS. E. HEATH, *Auditor.*

No. 6.

MENASSA'S GAP, WARREN COUNTY, VA.,

June 10, 1840.

SIR: It is my request that you will regard this communication as *strictly confidential*.

There is a man residing in Fauquier county, Virginia, by the known name of *George Green*, who is in receipt of a pension for services as a midshipman in the State navy of Virginia, under the name of *James Green*. It is believed that this man is not entitled to a pension for any description of service. If you will send me a copy of all the proceedings in this case, I will examine them, with a view of enabling you to detect the fraud, provided it shall appear that one has been committed.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. G. SETTLE.

J. L. EDWARDS, Esq.,

Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 7.

MENASSA'S GAP, WARREN COUNTY, VA.,

August 30, 1840.

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

SIR: Copies of the exhibits in the case of James Green, claiming a pension, came to hand. I find that the claim has been allowed upon the evidence of Richard Wade, William Harris, William Horner, and Thomas Higdon. I am acquainted with Richard Wade and William Horner, and should think that Wade, unsupported by other evidence, could not fully be relied on. William Horner is a gentleman of high standing, and fully to be relied on. With Harris and Higdon I have no acquaintance; consequently, can say nothing as to them. Dr. William Helm, who appears to have had some agency in the application of Green, is a gentleman of high standing, and would not, knowingly, lend his aid in an improper application, or in support of an unfounded claim. That there was a midshipman by the name of James Green, there can be no doubt; the records show that fact. *Harris* swears to his identity. *Higdon* swears that Midshipman Green was his neighbor, and that he removed, as he has been informed, to Fauquier county. If *Higdon* could see the man in question, he could then decide truly as to his identity.

As in my communication heretofore, I can only say that Green's neighbors and acquaintances where he has resided for the last twenty years, were much surprised to hear that he had succeeded in proving himself to have been a midshipman, and that he had never said anything about the 2,666 acres of land bounty due him—and more particularly that he had never set up any claim to this large quantity of land until after the passage of the pension law in 1832; and, again, that he should always have been known by the name of *George Green*, and in his applications for bounty land and a pension he is found claiming under the name of *James Green*.

I can suggest nothing further in the premises.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. G. SETTLE.

J. L. EDWARDS, Esq.,

Washington City.

No. 8.

WARRENTON SPRINGS P. O.,
November 18, 1842.

SIR: I avail myself of a leisure moment to apprise you of a fraud upon your department. I have not examined all the papers, but I am satisfied that you have been imposed on—and, I may say, artfully. The proofs on file in Richmond, and the parol testimony, are so strong, that I have not the least doubt of the correctness of the view I have taken.

There was a Midshipman James Green in the Virginia State navy, from one of the counties south of *James river*. He was, as is represented, on board of ship, and prior to his going to sea made a will, (a copy to be had,) in which will he states the cause of his making the will; and soon after going to sea as an officer, was captured by the enemy, carried into one of the West India islands as a prisoner, and there died. Such are the facts as represented by the family, and the tradition handed down to the younger members of the family.

There was, likewise, a seaman by the name of James Green, who was discharged with other seamen at the same time, and I have reason to believe the seaman so discharged was from the county of King George, Virginia. I have understood that this last-named James Green, who was from King George, is now a resident of Fauquier county, Va., and that his agent and attorney have received from the department a pension, upon the ground that he was an officer in the State navy of Virginia, and using the papers that properly belonged to the family of Midshipman James Green who died a prisoner. The executive of Virginia did not err in granting land bounty on account of the services of James Green, but the one has received the bounty properly belonging to both of the same name. By reference to the past census rolls, and the commissioner's books, it will be probably ascertained that the name of James Green of Fauquier was George J. Green.

I submit these facts, and ask you for copies of evidence on file in your office, that it may be sent to me in Fredericksburg as early as possible, and further information will be given.

I am, most respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. M. GREEN.

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,
Washington City, D. C.

No. 9.STEAMBOAT PATRICK HENRY,
November 31, 1842.

SIR: Yours of the — has just been received, having been forwarded from Fredericksburg. Having to sail to-morrow for Galveston, I fear I shall be unable to furnish you with as much information in regard to the identity of James Green, as I had hoped. The will of Midshipman James Green was recorded in Prince George county in 1784—having been dated in '81. (You could, doubtless, get a copy by applying to the clerk.) I am interested in showing that this was the identical midshipman; and while I

have such evidence as leaves not a doubt on my mind that this was the identical officer, yet the evidence is not of a legal character—such as will satisfy the public authorities—and I may never succeed. But as to the man in Fauquier, I am very certain he was not the midshipman. He was generally known in his neighborhood as George Green, and was usually called old George Green, though he was sometimes called James Green: his true name being George James Green. On the commissioner's books of Fauquier for assessing taxes, the names of George Green, and George Green, jr., are continually to be found; and I have no doubt, on a proper investigation, it will appear that this George J. Green and his son were the persons so designated on the books.

There were also one or two James Greens who held land in Fauquier; but one of them is a well-known, opulent gentleman, who lives in Culpeper, (or now Rappahannock;) and the reference to the other "as of Salem," shows that this George J. Green was not intended, as he lives much higher up, and in another part of the county. He is said to be a very illiterate man. The enclosed certificate will show that one James Green was discharged the *3d February*, 1780. This would be about two and a half years from September, 1777; and if this man enlisted for three years from that date, he could not have been the one who was discharged the *3d February*, 1780, as I had at one time thought; although his being called *James* on the record would not have coincided with his true name of George James Green.

There are three witnesses who identify this man. Charles Higdon, a feeble-minded man, who lived in the lower part of King George, spoke of him as being of Fauquier; that is to say, being informed he was in Fauquier. Higdon testified as to his *service*, and adds, that he has understood he lives in Fauquier; thus so far qualifying his evidence as to *identity*, as to make it very slight.

The witness *Wade*, professing to know him personally very well, yet calls him James Green only; and as he must have known that his name was George J. Green, the omission of the first part of the name is enough to destroy the weight of his testimony. So with the testimony of Wm. Harris. And if you think it worth while to send an intelligent agent to the neighborhood of George James Green, and of the town of Jefferson, in Culpeper, which he occasionally visited, you will find he was usually known as George Green; and that a good many diverted themselves at the idea of *his* having got a pension as an *officer* named James Green.

Dr. Wm. Helm was his agent, and, no doubt, got all his testimony. He professed great liberality in getting the land-bounty, disclaiming all interest; whereas it is understood he was to have a large portion of the pension for his services, and did receive it.

If you send an agent to investigate the matter, if his object be disclosed, he may be disappointed. I have no interest in the money claimed; but shall contest the right to the land warrant, if any appropriation by Congress shall be made, so as to render it an object. That interest is sufficient to justify this interference, apart from all other considerations.

I am your obedient servant,

A. M. GREEN.

Col. J. L. EDWARDS, *Pension Office*.

No. 10.

CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT SUPERIOR COURT
OF LAW AND CHANCERY OF FAUQUIER COUNTY, VA.,
July 17, 1843.

SIR: I have this day appended a certificate, under the seal of the court of which I am clerk, to a petition to be presented to you, setting forth that *George Green*, of this county, has been stricken from the pension-roll of the United States, and asking that he may be reinstated. The petitioners, Wm. Helm and others, gentlemen of character, state that they are entirely satisfied that said Green served as a midshipman in the navy of the revolution, as he has stated and proved; and that his name is really *George James Green*; and that he is no impostor, &c. Then Judge Scott certifies that these petitioners are gentlemen of respectability, &c.; and I have given my official certificate that he is judge.

Whilst I was preparing my certificate, John W. Tyler, esq., (who is probably known to you,) a lawyer, and a gentleman of as high character as any other in this Union, who resides near Buckland post office, in the adjoining county of Prince William, came into my office, and, learning what was doing, stated that this George Green (and Green's agent, who was present, waiting for my certificate, admitted that it was the same man of whom Tyler spoke) had applied to him some years ago, (I think he said 8 or 9,) to obtain a pension for him; and that Green then stated, distinctly, that his services during the war of the revolution were in the *army*; that, when asked to describe those services, and to state in what corps and under what officers they were rendered, and in what part of the country, what battles he had fought in, &c., Green made such a statement as induced Tyler to say to him: "This narrative of yours ought to be published, as an appendix to the History of the Revolution, for there is certainly nothing of it to be found in any history of those times yet published." Tyler believes him to be an impostor; and, so believing myself, from Tyler's account of him, and being unwilling that good old "Uncle Sam" should be filched any more than he has been, I have taken the liberty, without Mr. Tyler's knowledge, to make this communication to you; which I hope will not be so used as *unnecessarily* to make either Mr. Tyler or myself enemies among Green's friends, or the petitioners in his behalf.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. F. PHILLIPS, *Clerk*.

J. L. EDWARDS, Esq.,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 11.

SHELBY, (WARRENTON POST OFFICE,) VA.,
September 25, 1840.

SIR: Since mine of the 21st, in answer to yours of the 18th instant, Mr. Aaron Green, son of Midshipman James Green, gave the enclosed evidence.

Aaron Green I know to be a young man of respectability, and am satisfied his evidence would receive full credit in any of our courts of justice. I learn, too, that old Mr. Green can satisfy you, by highly respectable evidence, that he was known as James Green 50 years ago, in the neighbor-

hood he first settled in after moving up to this county from King George county, Va., the place of his birth.

If the enclosed evidence is not entirely satisfactory, and that suggested should be deemed of any importance in his case, if procured, please let me know by return mail; and I will, although very busy on my farm, attend to it.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM HELM.

J. L. EDWARDS, Esq.,

Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 12.

FARROWSVILLE, *December 4, 1836.*

DEAR SIR: Yesterday I saw old Mr. George Green, and had a long conversation with him on the subject of his services in the revolutionary war. He tells a very good tale; says that his real name is George James, and always went by the name of James until after he was married, which has been about 40 years; and after marriage he was sometimes called George, and sometimes James, but his wife always called him George; and finally all got to calling him George. For many years he has been known by no other name, as it made no difference by which name he was called — George or James. I cannot help thinking, from the tale he tells, but that he is the James Green; for I do not think any man could lie in the way he talked to me on the subject, notwithstanding his word is often doubted in common transactions. However, I have always seen him taken as evidence in court; and yesterday he was examined on oath as a witness before me, and no person, as I heard, doubted what he said. I will further add, that he says his age is 73 years. He looks as though he might be upwards of that age.

Yours, with respect,

B. R. BRADFORD.

Dr. WILLIAM HELM.

P. S. Nothing yet from Washington.

No. 13.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1840.

VIRGINIA, *Fauquier County, to wit:*

James Green, who recovered a pension from the United States for his services as a midshipman in the Virginia State navy, during the revolutionary war, is my father. I am 36 years old, and ever since I can recollect I have heard my father speak of his services in said navy, and of the bounty land that the State of Virginia promised him for his services aforesaid. He has always said, if Virginia did him justice he would get two thousand six hundred and sixty-six and a fraction acres; and since the passage of

the pension law of 1832, he has been making efforts to get the bounty land and pension. His name has always been known in our family as George James Green, but he has been mostly called George, since my recollection; but he has often told my mother she was the first who commenced calling him George; that in early life, and until after he was married, he was always called James Green; that his parents never called him anything but James, being named after a family of relations of the name of James.

AARON GREEN.

Signed and sworn to, according to law, before me, this 26th day of September, 1840.

GEORGE PICKETT,
Justice of the Peace.

I, George Pickett, the justice of the peace who swore the within-named Aaron Green, consider him a gentleman of good character, and his oath entitled to full credence.

Given under my hand, this 26th day of September, 1843.

GEORGE PICKETT.

VIRGINIA, *Fauquier county, to wit:*

I, Alexander J. Marshall, clerk of Fauquier county court, in the State aforesaid, hereby certify, that George Pickett is a magistrate as above; and that the foregoing signatures, purporting to be his, are genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto annexed my seal of office, and [L. s.] subscribed my name this 29th day of September, 1840, and in the sixty-fifth year of the Commonwealth.

A. J. MARSHALL, C. C.

No. 14.

JEFFERSONTON, *October 1, 1840.*

SIR: I received your inquiry of me, what I know of Mr. James Green, (sometimes George.) I have known that gentleman for upwards of 20 years, and know nothing derogatory of his character. I have had various conversations with him about the war of the revolution, in which he convinced me that he was in the service, and, I believe, as a midshipman.

Very respectfully, yours,

DANIEL WARD.

J. L. EDWARDS, Esq., *Pension Office.*

No. 15.

Doctor William Helm showed me a letter from the Commissioner of Pensions, in which there appear to be several charges against old Mr. James Green, in relation to the pension he has received from the United States. I am a daughter of William Harris, deceased; my father lived on Great

run, in Fauquier county, Virginia, fifty years ago. About that time the aforesaid Green settled in our neighborhood; and he and my father were very intimate friends, and were in the habit of speaking of their revolutionary services. I understood from their conversation that Green was a midshipman in the State navy, and always understood his name was James Green, and not George Green. He married a Miss Fletcher, and left our neighborhood; after which, I seldom saw him. He called on my father six or seven years since, and got his certificate of his (Green's) naval services; upon which, and other evidence, I understood his bounty land was allowed him, and also a pension.

NANCY HANDY.

Signed and sworn to according to law, this 24th day of October, 1840.
FRED. FISHBACK, *J. P.*

I hereby certify that Mrs. Nancy Handy is a highly respectable old lady; and I am satisfied, from her manner of relating what is written above, that it is true. Given under my hand, this 24th day of October, 1840.

FRED. FISHBACK.

VIRGINIA, }
Culpeper county, } *sc:*

I, Fayette Mauzy, clerk of the county court of said county, do hereby certify that Frederick Fishback, who hath made the foregoing certificate, is, and was at the time of making the same, an acting justice of the peace of of said county, and that his signature is genuine.

[L. S.] In testimony of which, I have hereto set my hand and seal of office, this 26th of October, 1840.

F. MAUZY, *Clerk.*

No. 16.

SHELBY, WARRENTON P. O., VA.,
October 30, 1840.

SIR: The enclosed evidence will, I hope, be sufficient to reinstate old Mr. James Green upon the pension roll.

I am, sir, most respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. HELM.

The COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS, *Washington City.*

No. 17.

THURSDAY, the 3d day of February, 1780.

Present—James Innes and James Barron, esquires.

John Marks, Daniel Hunt, James Green, William Smith, senior, and William Smith, junior, sailors in the navy, having served the time of their enlistments therein, are hereby discharged.

Ordered that the board be adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

JAMES INNES.
JAMES BARRON.

The foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of the board of war, page 24. Given under my hand, at the auditor's office, this 28th of November, 1842.

JAS. E. HEATH,
Auditor of Public Accounts.

No. 18.

I, Jones Green, of the county of Culpeper and State of Virginia, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with William Harris, deceased, a pensioner of the United States, who, at the time of his death, and for some years before, resided with his daughter (now Nancy Handy, then Nancy Spilman) in the town of Springfield, in the county and State aforesaid, about a mile from my residence. I always esteemed him a man of unusual truth and honesty, and such was his neighborhood reputation. I have known his daughter Nancy Handy for fifteen years, or thereabouts; during all which time she has been in the habit of coming frequently to my house on business. I esteem her to be a woman of sound principles and truthful character, and such is her universal reputation in her neighborhood, so far as I know and believe.

Given under my hand, this 21st day of June, 1843.

JONES GREEN.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, } *to wit:*
Fauquier county, }

This day Jones Green personally appeared before me, Isham Keith, a justice of the peace in and for the said county, and made oath that the above affidavit, to which his name is subscribed, contains the truth, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand, this 21st day of June, 1843.

ISHAM KEITH, *J. P.*

I hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Mr. Jones Green, whose signature is found attached to the within affidavit; that he is a justice of the peace of Culpeper county, and that he may in any and all cases be relied upon.

Given under my hand, this 21st day of June, 1843.

ISHAM KEITH, *J. P.*

VIRGINIA, } *to wit:*
Fauquier county, }

I, Alexander J. Marshall, clerk of Fauquier county court, in the State aforesaid, hereby certify that Isham Keith is a magistrate, as above, and that the foregoing signatures purporting to be his are genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
[L. S.] the seal of the said court this 27th day of June, 1843, and in the 67th year of the Commonwealth.

A. J. MARSHALL, *Clerk.*

No. 19.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, }
Rappahannock county, } ss :

I hereby certify, that when I was a small girl, I resided with my father, in Stafford county, Virginia; and when about 12 years old, went to school in said county; and at the same time a young man named Jimmy Green, (or James Green,) who resided in the neighborhood, went to the same school; he afterwards removed to Fauquier county, Virginia, where he now resides, as she understands. He called to see me a short time since, and we talked over and reminded each other of many circumstances that occurred whilst we were going to the school before mentioned; and he told me that he had been pensioned for services as a midshipman in the Virginia State navy, and that his name had been stricken from the pension list on account of some information given to the Pension Office in relation to his name. Now I recollect most distinctly that he was called Jimmy Green; and I have no recollection of ever hearing him called by any other name than Jimmy Green. I have no knowledge of his revolutionary services; but I am certain that he is the identical person who went to school with me in Stafford county, Virginia. I am now 72 years old.

Given under my hand, this 13th day of July, 1843.

MILLY JONES.

Signed, and sworn to, this 13th day of July, 1843, before me.

F. M. JEFFERS, *J. P.*

I, the subscribing magistrate, certify that Milly Jones, who subscribed and made oath to the foregoing certificate, is an old lady of good neighborhood reputation. I know her to be a lady of exemplary character, and her oath would be received in full evidence in any of our courts of justice.

F. M. JEFFERS, *J. P.*

STATE OF VIRGINIA, }
Rappahannock county, } *to wit:*

I, William J. Menefee, clerk of the court of Rappahannock county, do hereby certify that Francis M. Jeffers is a magistrate, as within, duly commissioned and qualified; and that the signature to the within certificate, purporting to be his, is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed
 [L. S.] the seal of said court, this 13th day of July, 1843.

WILLIAM J. MENELEE,
Clerk of the court of Rappahannock county.

No. 20.

JUNE 13, 1843.

The undersigned, acquaintances and neighbors of old Mr. George Green, who was inscribed on the pension-roll a few years since as a midshipman, take pleasure in representing to the Commissioner of Pensions that we are entirely satisfied that said Green served in the navy of the revolution as a

midshipman, and that his name is really George James Green, and that he has been wrongfully stricken from the pension-roll.

We sincerely regret that any surviving patriot of the revolution, upon mere suspicion, should have his name erased from the list of honored patriots who were pensioned for services that they must ever hold as dear as life itself.

We believe that Mr. Green was not an impostor, but that he served in the navy as he states, and has proven ; and that, by evidence that some of us know to be highly respectable.

We earnestly and respectfully petition the Commissioner of Pensions to reinstate Mr. Green in his pension.

J. K. MARSHALL,
EDWARD C. MARSHALL,
JOHN MARSHALL,
WILLIAM HELM,
ISHAM KEITH,
SAMUEL CHILTON,
B. R. BRADFORD,
R. M. STRIBLING.

I am personally and well acquainted with James K. Marshall, Edward C. Marshall, John Marshall, William Helm, Isham Keith, Samuel Chilton, B. R. Bradford, and Robert M. Stribling, whose names are signed to the within petition. They are all gentlemen of the first respectability and standing in the community, and full faith and credit may be given to their statements.

Given from under my hand, this 17th day of July, 1843.

JNO. SCOTT.

VIRGINIA, *Fauquier county, to wit :*

I, William F. Phillips, clerk of the circuit superior court of law and chancery of Fauquier county, hereby certify, that John Scott, who has signed the above certificate, is the person who regularly presides in said court as judge thereof.

Certified under my hand, and the seal of said court, this 17th day of [L. s.] July, 1843, and in the 68th year of the Commonwealth.

WM. F. PHILLIPS, *Clerk.*

No. 21.

WARRENTON SPRINGS,
Fauquier county, Va., October 1, 1844.

SIR : I have obtained a statement from W. G. Settle, which I have enclosed. Also, I send you my own statement touching the case of James Green, suspended, which I hope you will read on behalf of Green. If there has been any communication to the department, other than that from Warren county in 1840, against Green's claim, please send me a copy or copies ; if not, the name or names of the writers. Your attention to the above will greatly oblige your obedient servant,

CHARLES ALLEN, for
GEORGE JAMES GREEN.

J. L. EDWARDS, Esq.,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 22.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, *Fauquier county, to wit :*

This day Charles Allen has duly come before me, the subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, and made oath that there is no family connexion between Jones Green, one of the affiants in the case pending, wherein James Green is an applicant to be reinstated upon the roll as a United States pensioner, and the said applicant James Green; and that the said Jones Green, among his acquaintances, is deemed, held, and taken as a man of strict truth and veracity.

Given under my hand, this 24th day of September, 1844.

B. R. BRADFORD,
Justice of the Peace.

I do certify that the abovenamed Charles Allen and Jones Green are gentlemen whose statements upon oath may be relied on.

Given under my hand, this 24th day of September, 1844.

B. R. BRADFORD,
Justice of the Peace.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1844.

I am well acquainted with Jones Green, esq., named in the foregoing affidavit of Charles Allen. I know that he is wholly unconnected by blood or otherwise with James Green, whose pension as a midshipman in the revolutionary war, on board the *Tartar*, has been suspended by the department. When I say I know it, I mean that I am well acquainted with all Jones Green's family and connexions, and never heard of any such connexion as is above alluded to. Mr. Jones Green is a gentleman of great intelligence and the highest respectability.

SAMUEL CHILTON.

VIRGINIA, *Fauquier county, to wit :*

I, Alexander J. Marshall, clerk of the county court of the county aforesaid, hereby certify, that B. R. Bradford (whose name is subscribed to the foregoing certificate) was, at the date thereof, a justice of the peace of said county, duly commissioned and qualified; and that to all his official acts full faith and credit ought to be given, as well in courts of justice as thereout.

In testimony whereof, I hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of [L. s.] said court, this 30th day of September, 1844, and in the sixty-ninth year of the Commonwealth.

A. J. MARSHALL, *Clerk.*

No. 23.STATE OF VIRGINIA, *Fauquier county, to wit :*

This day Charles Allen personally came before me, the subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for the county and State aforesaid, and made oath

that in the year — he was travelling in King George county, and hearing that Charles Higdon had been engaged in the revolutionary war, he called to see said Higdon, and in a way said he had heard Dr. Helm say that old George Green was an applicant for a pension; and having heard Green say that he was raised in the lower part of Virginia, was induced to inquire of Higdon if he knew a man raised in that county by the name of Green; he stated that he knew a man by the name of James Green, that was a midshipman, and served on board of a vessel called the Tartar; and that after the war the said James Green moved up the country—he believed to the county of Fauquier. Not having heard Green called by any other name than that of George Green, when I saw him (Green) I entered into a conversation with him touching his war service, by naming parts of conversations and facts named by Higdon; and so soon as I touched on them, he recollected and called them out in something like the same way that Higdon had related them, and stated the name of the vessel that he served on, which was the same named by Higdon. I then inquired of him what name he served under; he, without hesitation, stated that he served under the name of James Green, though his proper name was George James Green. From the sameness of their statements, I verily believe George James Green, whose pension has been suspended, to be the same man alluded to by Higdon. After seeing Higdon and Green, I communicated the foregoing facts to Dr. Helm; and was afterwards told by Helm that he went to see Higdon, and took his affidavit in Green's behalf; and at the time aforesaid I was not an agent of Green's, and was in nowise interested in obtaining a pension certificate for said Green.

Given under my hand, this 24th day of September, 1844.

B. R. BRADFORD,
Justice of the Peace.

I certify that Charles Allen, named in the foregoing certificate, is a gentleman in every way worthy of credit, and of strict veracity, on oath or otherwise.

Given under my hand, this 24th day of September, 1844.

B. R. BRADFORD,
Justice of the Peace.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1844.

I have known Captain Charles Allen, who has given the foregoing affidavit, for more than ten years past, and have always esteemed him a truthful and highly respectable man; and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, he is so esteemed by his neighbors and acquaintances generally. For myself, I should confide perfectly in the truth of any statement he may make.

SAMUEL CHILTON.

VIRGINIA, *Fauquier county, to wit:*

I, Alexander J. Marshall, clerk of the county court of the county aforesaid, hereby certify that B. R. Bradford, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing certificate, was, at the date thereof, a justice of the peace of said county duly commissioned and qualified; and that to all his official acts,

full faith and credit ought to be given, as well in courts of justice as there-out.

In testimony whereof, I hereto subscribe my name, and affix the seal of [L. s.] the said court, this 30th day of September, 1844, and in the sixty-ninth year of the Commonwealth.

A. J. MARSHALL.

No. 24.

MENASSAS GAP, VIRGINIA,
September 24, 1844.

SIR: Soon after the passage of the pension law of 1818, I had a conversation with George Green, alias George James Green—the same man pensioned under the act of 1832, under the name of James Green. I at that time had not full confidence in his statements as to his service, but recollect many of his statements partially. I have seen all the evidence upon which he received a pension certificate under the act of 1832, as well as copies of the evidence offered in order to get his name reinstated upon the pension-roll. From the apparent age of Green, and that part of the evidence which I think measurably supports his statements made before the passage of the act of 1832, the respectability of Horner and Harris, affiants in the case, as well as from the fact that gentlemen of high standing believe in the correctness of Green's pretensions to revolutionary service in the navy, as he states, I have no hesitation in recommending that he be reinstated upon the pension-roll, and put in receipt of his pension.

This is delivered to Captain Allen, as the agent of Green.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. G. SETTLE.

J. L. EDWARDS, Esq.,

Commissioner of Pensions.